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2. Hungarian Army ammunition dumps (one page, listing thirteen dumps, with very brief descriptions).
3. Artillery Group No. 8619, Budapest (three pages, giving organization, mission, personnel information, and the unit's history during the November 1956 uprising).

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1. At Appendix "A" is attached a sketch plan of the barracks at ZALAEGERSZEG, 20 miles west of Lake BALATON.
2. These barracks housed until November, 1956 a regiment of artillery - the 32nd Regiment. One battalion of this regiment was equipped with twelve 76 mm. half automatic anti-tank guns (firing 16 rounds a minute). The two other battalions are each equipped with twelve 122 mm. guns. The 76 mm. is the Russian ZIS 3. The 122 mm. is made in Hungary.

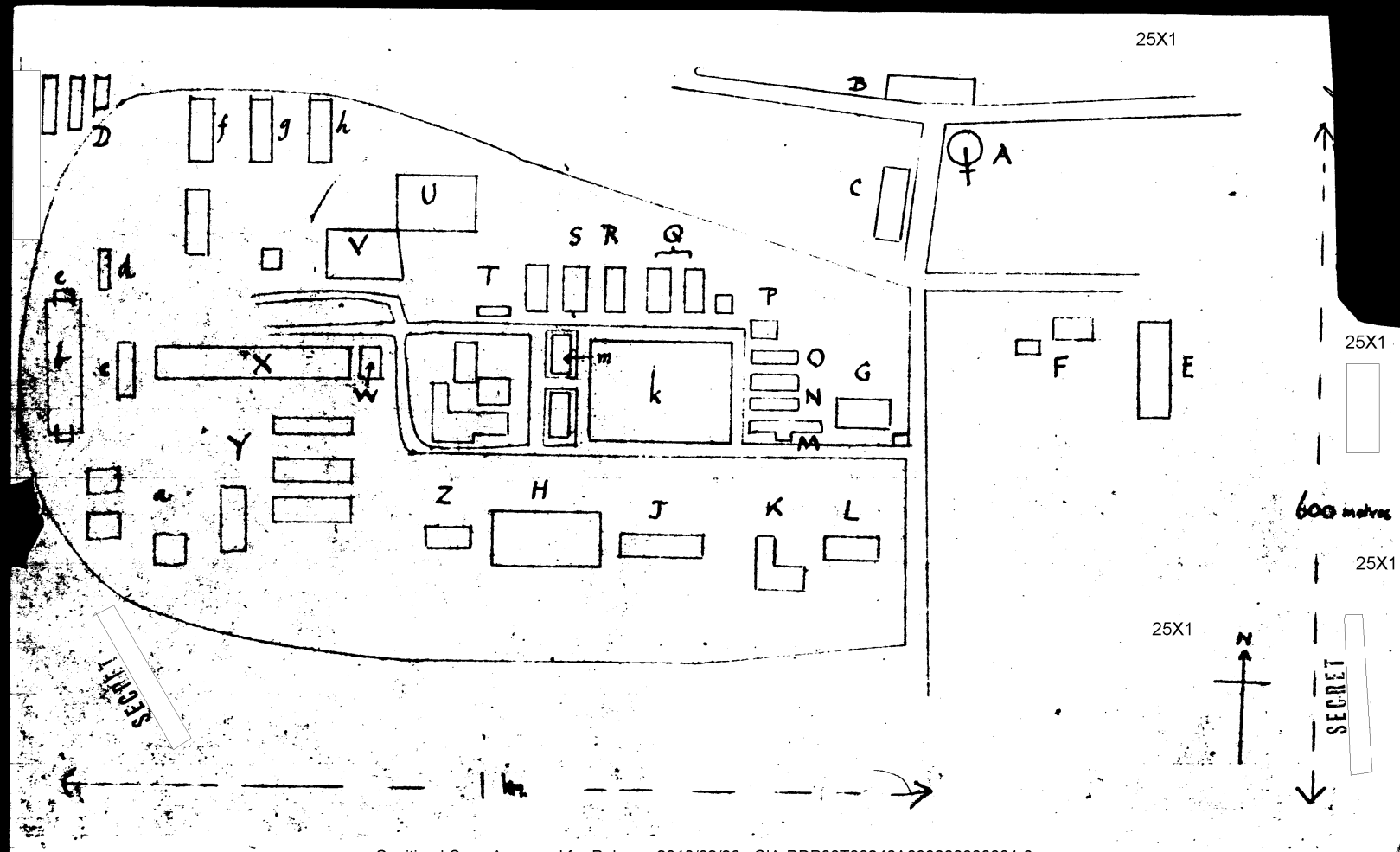
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A.	Church	S.	Horses
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E.	Clothes Factory	W.	Repair shop
F.	Farm	X.	Artillery
G.	Office and HQ	Y.	Rifle range
H.	Mess hall	Z.	Shoe & tailor shop
J.	Officers' Mess hall	a.	Firing range
K.	Infantry barracks	b.	Football pitch
L.	Officers quarters	c.	Petrol store
M.	Sick bay	d.	Rifle store
N.	Store for infantry bazookas	e.	Cleaning shop
P.	Shop	f.	Clothes store
Q.	Gymnasium	g.	Food
R.	Ammunition store	h.	Clothes store
		k.	Exercise yard

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HUNGARIAN ARMY AMMUNITION DUMPS

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Storage Installations.

TOROKBALINT. This is an old ammunition underground dump, now modernised.

NYIRTELEK near NYIREGYHAZA. Surface installation in forest for ammunition storage.

HASDVSAMSON. Surface installation in forest for ammunition storage.

TABORFALVA near ORKENY. Ammunition dump. This is also the research station of the Hungarian Army Technical Research Institute for all spheres of military research.

DEVECSER. Modernised underground dump for ammunition.

CZASZAR. Ammunition dump.

NOGHO. Ammunition dump (Underground ?).

PUSZTAVACS near ORKENY. Base maintenance depot.

Ammunition issued only for manoeuvres, otherwise this is a long-term storage dump.

IZSAK. Ammunition dump.

ERDOTELEK. Ammunition dump.

KAPOLY. Ammunition dump.

BUDAPEST. TIMOT UTCA. Storage of weapons.

TAPIOSZECSO. New storage depot for weapons gradually taking the place of BUDAPEST TIMOT UTCA since 1956.

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Artillery Group HO 8619, BUDAPEST

1. ORGANISATION

(i) Artillery Group HO 8619 was based on a headquarters at Robert Karoly Kőrut, BUDAPEST XIII. It was commanded by (Lt. Col.) PAPP, Ferenc, and was subordinated directly under the Ministry of War.

(ii) The group comprised the following on peace-time establishment:-

(a) Light Artillery Regiment E 9613, located at DUNAFÜLÖK, O.C. (Major) NAGY, Lajos. Four batteries, each of two troops, each of three 37 mm. anti-tank guns manned by one N.C.O. and six men.

(b) One similar light Regiment, located at SZOLNOK.

(c) One medium Regiment located at SZEKESFEHERVAR. Four batteries, each of two troops, each of three 85 mm. guns, manned by one N.C.O. and six men.

(d) One similar medium regiment located at VAC.

(iii) On mobilisation each battery doubled its number of troops, thus giving a war establishment for the regiment of forty-eight instead of twenty-four guns. The mobilisation stores, including guns and transport, were kept with the units as reserve.

2. FUNCTION AND EQUIPMENT

(i) The primary role of the group was anti-tank defence and most of the training was directed to this end. Its secondary task was anti-aircraft defence but little training was given in this.

(ii) All the equipment was of Russian manufacture. The 37 mm. guns were of conventional type, fitted with

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muzzle brakes, and towed by 2 x 4 diesel lorries which carried the crew and ammunition. The ammunition for these pieces included H.E. projectiles on time or percussion fuzes and A.P. shells. Proportions of ammunition per gun were not fixed.

(iii) The 85 mm. guns carried similar types of ammunition plus anti-tank shells which "burn through" the armour (presumably hollow charge). They were towed by diesel tracked carriers.

(iv) Each light troop had a conventional prismatic range-finder of 4 metres base.

(v) At the headquarters of Light Regiment E 9613 there was a mobile radar set mounted on a lorry chassis which towed a trailer carrying a generator. This equipment was little used, even for training, as it was considered obsolete.

(vi) The regimental M.T. workshops at E 9613 was commanded by a second lieutenant. It had no facilities for the maintenance of optical or radio equipment.

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4. THE HISTORY OF E 9613 DURING AND SINCE THE UPRISING
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1956.

(i) DUNAFOLDVAR was very quiet throughout the early stages, though the whole of the regiment declared itself for the insurgents. On 2nd November Soviet tanks were reported approaching from the East. E 9613 was deployed

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to cover the Danube bridge but it was overrun early on 4th November, after suffering some casualties. The regiment was disarmed and all ranks confined to barracks. Many later escaped and went home.

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(ii) On 10th November all troops were advised to report to their units by 21st November, but of the twenty officers only six agreed to sign on under the Kadar regime. This number included the O.C., Major NAGY. The rest received their discharge papers.

(iii) Since November the reconstituted regiment has been equipped with small arms only.

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